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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 10/035,546
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Enclosed please find a response to the June 30, 2004 Final Office Action in the above referenced application.

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In re patent application of:) Attorney Docket No.: F-426
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 Serial No.: 10/035,546) Examiner: Krisanne M. Jastrzab
 Filed: December 31, 2001) Group Art Unit: 1744
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Title: SYSTEM FOR SANITISING AND SORTING MAIL

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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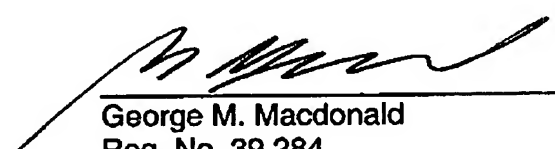
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